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Too many tots a strain?

Saskatchewan has the second-highest growth rate in Canada in the number of young kids, which will put pressure on services like education and child care, say experts PAGE 3

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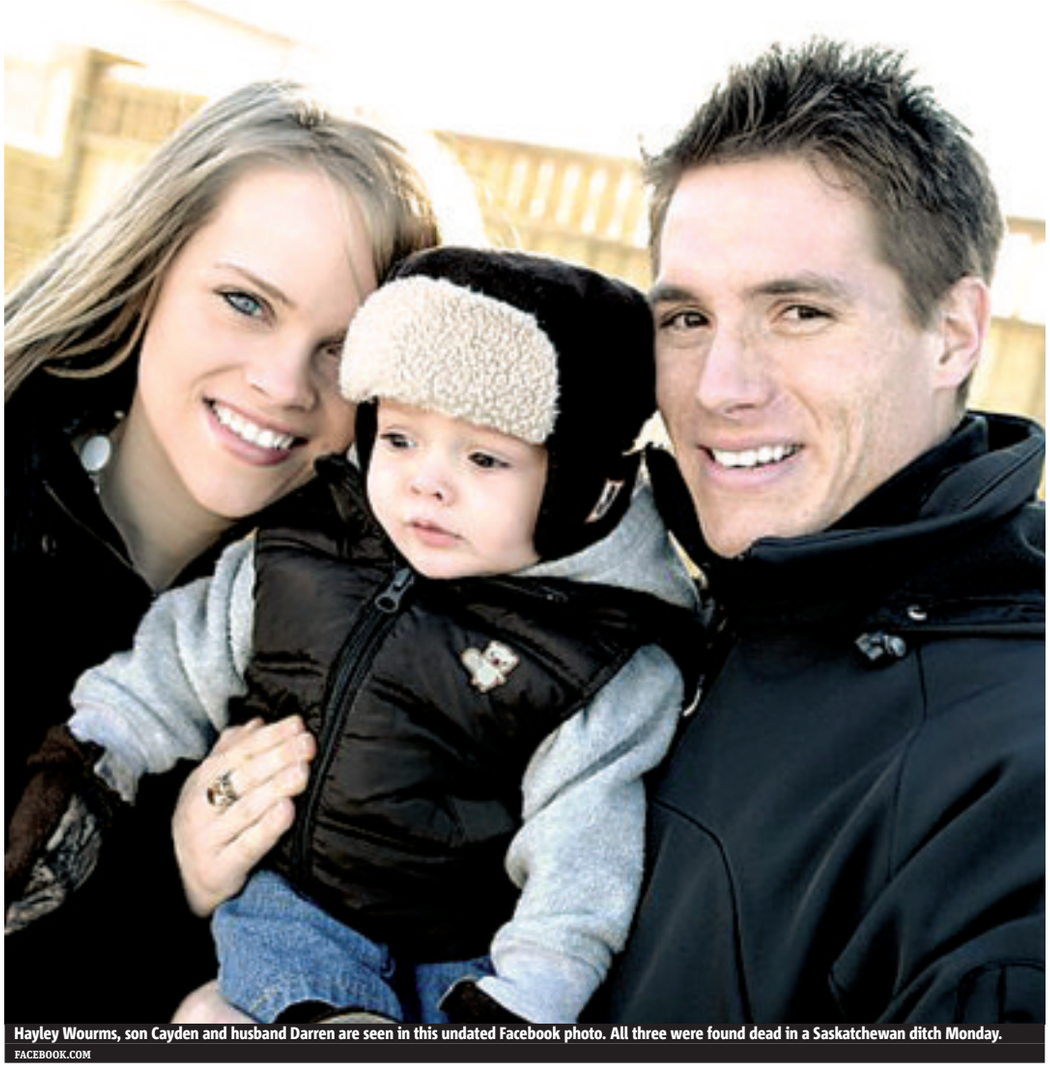

Hayley Wourms, son Cayden and husband Darren are seen in this undated Facebook photo. All three were found dead in a Saskatchewan ditch Monday.

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Family found dead in a ditch

History. Father was taken to hospital for a psychiatric evaluation last month after RCMP had received a call of concern

JEREMY NOLAIS
Metro in Calgary

Three Airdrie, Alta., residents — a husband, wife and their two-year-old son — were found dead in a northern Saskatchewan ditch in an apparent murder-suicide, RCMP revealed Tuesday.

The bodies of Darren Wourms, 26, wife Hayley Wourms, 23, and son Cayden were spotted by a passing motorist next to a dirt road close to St. Walburg on Monday afternoon.

The family's Buick Century and a .22-calibre rifle were also found at the scene.

"This is not a normal occurrence," said RCMP Sgt. Paul Dawson.

"This is obviously a very traumatic case.... We are taking this very seriously."

Tragedy

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RCMP Sgt. Paul Dawson

Airdrie RCMP revealed later in the day they had responded to a call in that city involving concerns for the Wourms' well-being in late April.

Darren Wourms was taken to a Calgary hospital for a psychiatric evaluation at that point, but the family's "ongoing struggles" did not warrant criminal charges, according to a release.

Family and friends in Saskatchewan struggled with their loss Tuesday, with many wondering how a seemingly loving family could be involved in such tragedy.

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TV is puttin' on the dog

Summer television used to mean reruns. This year, it's gone to the dogs. Read more about the influx of star dogs and their owners at metronews.ca.

Mobile news

Many Canadian kids are failing to make the grade when it comes to reaching physical-activity targets, with too few hours devoted to active play and too much free time looking at TV and computer screens. Scan the code to read more.

Cayden Wourms, 2, a victim in an apparent murder-suicide, was already very active at his young age, according to family and friends. FACEBOOK.COM

'Beautiful family' lost in tragedy

Grief. Mother of son at centre of apparent murder-suicide struggles to understand what happened

TESSA CLAYTON AND JEREMY NOLAIS
Metro in Calgary

Two-year-old Cayden Wourms never stopped smiling. His mother, Hayley Wourms, had a bright and bubbly personality.

Darren Wourms loved his family very much and worked hard to provide for them.

"They were a beautiful family," said Darren's mother, Shirley Wourms. "This is really hard on everybody."

Family and friends gathered late Monday to pray and comfort one another as they struggled to comprehend how life unraveled so quickly for their loved ones, who only just recently had moved from Calgary to a newly built home in Airdrie, Alta.

Pastor Richard Doll had counselled the family prior to their marriage and presided over the formal ceremony.

"We don't know, we don't know who or how," he said.

The pastor described Darren as being more quiet and reserved, while Hayley drew people to her with her bubbly personality.

Cayden was already adventurous at his young age despite struggling with some illness, Shirley said.

Both Darren and Hayley were well-educated and he was working shifts as a civil engineer in Fort McMurray, Alta. The trio often paid visits to family in Darren's hometown of St. Walburg.

Word of the deaths spread quickly through the town of no more than 800 Tuesday, with many residents expressing their condolences.

Mayor Tony Lesson struggled to find any other tragedy in the town's history that was comparable.

"We count ourselves as a nice, safe, quiet town," he said. "And that's what we are."

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The aftermath

- Funeral arrangements have yet to be made for the Wourms. Family members were waiting for an autopsy report from a coroner's office Tuesday afternoon.
- Members of the police major-crimes unit in Saskatoon were immediately called in to assist in the investigation Monday.
- RCMP spokesperson Paul Dawson said counselling would be offered to all law-enforcement members involved in the tragic incident.

Prevention

Police power limited in mental-health assessment

If a crime hasn't been committed, police interaction with a person struggling through mental-health problems is often short-lived, says a Calgary advocate.

Callum Ross, a co-ordinator with the Canadian Mental Health Association, said law enforcement does have the ability to seize and transfer an individual to hospital if they receive a call for assistance.

Airdrie, Alta., RCMP revealed Tuesday they had transferred local resident Darren Wourms to hospital for a psychiatric evaluation after receiving a third-party 911 call in late April.

Wourms, his wife Hayley and son Cayden were found in a Saskatchewan ditch Monday in an apparent murder-suicide. RCMP have not confirmed details about their deaths, but said they are not searching for any suspects.

Ross said when police transfer a non-criminal patient to hospital, they are greeted by at least one, preferably two, psychiatrists who take over responsibility for the individual.

"Essentially they do have a tick sheet they go through and ask questions," he said.

From there, it can be recommended the patient remain in hospital for 24 hours before a re-evaluation. After a second screening, they are given the ability to keep the patient for up to seven days without reassessment, but Ross said there are numerous opportunities to appeal such a decision.

"People go through periods of psychosis," he said. "Many people are only in hospital for a short period of time."

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO IN CALGARY

Negotiations. Saskatchewan nurses vote in favour of two-year contract

Saskatchewan nurses have voted 92.4 per cent in favour of accepting a two-year contract that includes a lump-sum payment in lieu of a wage increase in the first year.

Union president Rosalee Longmoore says the time frame allows the union to watch Alberta nurses and make adjustments in the next round of bargaining.

Longmoore didn't know how many of the province's 9,000 nurses voted on the deal.

The union had already said Saskatchewan's nurses were above the western Canadian average, so it couldn't negotiate a pay hike in the first year.

But there will be a two per cent wage increase in the second year of the deal.

Saskatchewan nurses signed their last contract in 2008. That deal gave them a five per cent wage increase in each year of a four-year contract.

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Public risk is low: Official

Vitamin B12 tests compromised

If you received a vitamin B12 test within the past two years, your physician may be contacting you for re-testing.

"The Saskatchewan Disease Control Laboratory has been alerted to the possibility of erroneous vitamin B12 results by Siemens Diagnostics, the supplier of the testing equipment and supplies," Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Health Officer Moira McKinnon said in a press release.

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Homicide. Man charged in Edmonton slaying turns himself in to Mounties

A Saskatoon man suspected in a stabbing death in Edmonton has turned himself in.

Edmonton police say Eddie Charles Binning, who is 21, turned up Monday evening at an RCMP detachment in rural Saskatchewan.

An arrest warrant on a charge of second-degree murder had been issued for Binning following the death of Daniel Barata.

Investigators allege the 41-year-old man was killed in the city's north end last Wednesday.

Two men from Edmonton have also been charged in Barata's death.

Byron Crane and Kevin Charles Witchekan, who are both in their late 20s, remain in custody. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Bump seen in number of kids as echo effect hits Saskatchewan

2011 census. Increase in babies comes with a potential strain on services: Experts

CARRIE-MAY SIGGINS
Metro in Regina

A Statistics Canada census report released Tuesday showed that Saskatchewan has the second-highest rate of growth in the number of children.

The number of children four and under increased across Canada, but Saskatchewan had a jump of 19.6 per cent in the number of kids since 2006.

Doug Elliot is a demographer and publisher of Sask Trends Monitor. He says that the jump in the province's fertility rates have to do with a number of factors.

He cites the "boom and echo" theory of demographics — that the baby boomers provided the boom, and the generation that is made up of their kids is now the echo. "The echo generation is in the family-formation age, which is folks in their 20s and 30s. Most of the increase in the number is because we've got more women in that particular age group."

The increase in immigration is also playing into Saskatchewan's numbers, says Elliot. "That tends to be the age at which both the interprovincial migrants and people from outside Canada with young families tend to be the most mobile. We're bringing in folks who are in the right age group to have babies."

But with the higher numbers come a potential strain on services, says Elliot. "One of the things that's going to happen is five or 10 years from now we're going to see an increase in enrollment levels in K and grade school. We should be planning for that now."

Trish Elliot (no relation to Doug Elliot) is an instructor, journalist and spokesperson for the public-schools watchdog Real Renewal. She says that public schools are already seeing a strain on services. "It's already a problem."

Daycare in the province is another service that is influenced by an increase in numbers. Gail Szaunter is the chairperson for the board of the Saskatchewan Early Childhood Association (SECA). She says that there have always been long waiting lists for early childcare spaces. But an increase in the number of spaces can't happen without an increase in staff.

Szaunter says that SECA is currently in closed discussions with the Ministry of Education about the issues being faced in child care.

"They're co-operative. We all have the same goal. We all want good quality programs for Saskatchewan children. And how we develop the number of trained staff is certainly on the agenda."

Bursting at the seams

- Trish Elliot says the Regina school board's original 10-year plan anticipated that the city would have five elementary schools with over 400 students, and one with over 500.
- There are now 13 elementary schools over 400 and seven over 500, says Elliot.

Emily, 2, and Matthias, 1, play in Victoria park in Regina on Tuesday. A new StatsCan report showed that the number of kids aged four and under had increased by almost 20 per cent in Saskatchewan since 2006, the second-highest increase in the country. CARRIE-MAY SIGGINS/METRO

Commission backs moving adult services to industrial areas

Clive Weighill, chief of the Saskatoon Police Service, addresses the media at city hall Tuesday. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

The municipal planning commission has recommended that city council move forward with a zoning amendment that could see non-therapeutic massage parlours and other adult services be required to operate out of light industrial sectors of the city.

The recommendation put forward the suggestion to council to start advertising a public hearing on the matter. But only after administration reports back to the commission with "strategies for separation of actives from residential areas, schools, churches and parks, and another strategy that would limit the concentration of these activities in any one area."

While the recommendation was met with some debate from commission members, Clive Weighill, chief of the Saskatoon Police Service, said the potential new zoning regulations, working in alignment with the adult-services bylaw that was introduced in March, would help regulate services that currently operate outside of SPS authority.

"By law, you could put an ad on the Internet — which is not deemed a public place — and sell yourself," said Weighill. "What's the concern to our service and to our investigators is that we have no legal authority to check up on these people to see if they're under 18 years of age and that's what our main concern was for the adult-services bylaw."

However, the SPS is not suggesting putting all of these services in one area, adding a concentration of the services would not encourage compliance.

"We don't believe that a single area that would be in an industrial zone would benefit anyone," he said. "We would get less compliance for the bylaw, it would be a lot harder for us to enforce and we don't want to relegate one area of the city for this purpose."

He said later, "It's a no-win no matter which way you look at it. I'm pleased that city council has decided to work with us and come up with a bylaw and I'm pleased that the zoning commission has worked with us as well to put some parameters around that force."

MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Nepal . Body of Canadian climber returned to family from Everest

The body of a Canadian woman who died while returning from the summit of Mount Everest has been brought off the world's tallest mountain.

A spokesman from Utmost Adventure Trekking says Shriya Shah-Klorfine's body was taken via helicopter from Mount Everest to her family in the Nepalese capital Kathmandu.

Ganesh Thakuri says a team of climbers managed to bring the Toronto woman's remains down from an area more than 8,000 metres above sea level to a camp within helicopter rescue range on Monday, but bad weather prevented the body from being flown off the peak right away.

Shah-Klorfine was among four climbers who died while trying to scale Mount Everest on May 19.

They died under what's being described as overcrowded conditions in the mountain's so-called "death zone" in the final stretch of the climb.

The 33-year-old had previously stated that climbing Everest was a long-held dream.

Shriya Shah-Klorfine
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Shah-Klorfine had been climbing for nearly 17 hours by the time she reached the summit at 2 p.m., Thakuri had said.

The descent was further complicated by cold, windy conditions, he added.

"She lost her stamina, and according to the sherpas, was suffering with the altitude. Everything came together when they were coming down and she collapsed," Thakuri said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

F-35. Conservatives move to shut down hearings on fighter-jets purchase

The federal government appears set to shut down the only public investigation into Ottawa's fumbling of the F-35 fighter jet purchase.

Andrew Saxton, parliamentary secretary to the president of the Treasury Board, has told the House of Commons the Conservatives feel they've delved deep enough into the issues surrounding the cost of the stealth fighters.

Media reports say the Tories are expected to pass a motion to end the hearings at a closed-door meeting of the parliamentary public accounts committee.

The move would come as only four weeks remain on the parliamentary calendar before the summer break.

The committee has been studying the auditor general's hard-hitting report on the acquisition of the costly jets.

The auditor general said in his report that Parliament didn't get the full picture on the costs of the 65 jets, which are closer to $25 billion rather than the $16 billion the Tories publicized.

The F-35 program is designed to replace the country's aging fleet of CF-18 jet fighters. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pricey planes

$25B

The estimated cost of the 65 jets is closer to $25 billion rather than the $16 billion first publicized by the Conservatives

New evidence

Bystander's video of police shooting sparks review

Dramatic new video of a Vancouver police officer fatally shooting a man on a busy street almost five years ago has prompted the force to ask an independent investigative body from Alberta to take another look at the case.

The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team will review a newly released bystander's video of Paul Boyd's fatal confrontation in August 2007, the Vancouver police and the B.C. government announced Tuesday.

Boyd was shot after police responding to 911 calls were confronted by a man swinging a bike chain.

But a video shot by a Winnipeg tourist appears to show Boyd was no longer holding the bike chain when he was killed.
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Police remove a package containing a human foot from the Conservative party headquarters in Ottawa on Tuesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Severed foot sent to Tories' HQ

Grisly discovery. Police intercept another package containing another body part hours later

Puzzling packages

"It's a very bizarre and horrible incident."
Interim Liberal leader Bob Rae

Ottawa police say a second package containing a body part was found just hours after a stunned Conservative party receptionist opened a blood-soaked box containing a human foot.

The first was found Tuesday morning in a package that had been delivered to the party's headquarters a few scant blocks from Parliament Hill.

An accelerating Ottawa police investigation led authorities to intercept a second suspicious package containing yet another severed human body part.

Police released no other details about the second find beyond a bland assurance that the major-crime unit continues to investigate.

Ottawa was reeling after initial reports about a body part turning up at Conservative party headquarters began to spread throughout the parliamentary precinct.

"It's a very bizarre and horrible incident, if it's true," said Bob Rae, the Liberal party's interim leader.

It turned out to be a grisly truth and the horror was not confined to Ottawa.

Ottawa police were consulting with their counterparts in Montreal after they discovered a severed torso in a suitcase.

Montreal police sifted through garbage in the city's west end to see if they might turn up any missing limbs. Authorities in both cities are trying to determine if there might be a link to the foot mailed to Conservative party headquarters.

Tuesday's macabre discoveries began with a pre-noon call to police about a suspicious package at Conservative headquarters. The first officers to arrive on the scene spotted blood splattered on the package and immediately called in the hazardous-material unit. When the specialists opened the package, police found the bloody severed foot inside.
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The Syrian Embassy in downtown Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada expels Syrian diplomats

Canada joined allies across the world Tuesday in expelling Syrian diplomats, as the slaughter of the innocent in Houla provoked a broad severing of global ties with the pariah Assad regime in Damascus.

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird said Canada was expelling Syrian diplomats in the wake of the weekend massacre in Houla. The United Nations said 108 people died in the massacre, including 49 children and 34 women — one of the deadliest events in the 15-month uprising against Syrian President Bashar Assad's regime.

Canada took part in a co-ordinated diplomatic offensive along with the United States, Britain, Australia, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Bulgaria and the Netherlands as the UN revealed more gruesome details of the events in Houla. Apparently the massacre included the close-range shootings of scores of children and parents in their homes.
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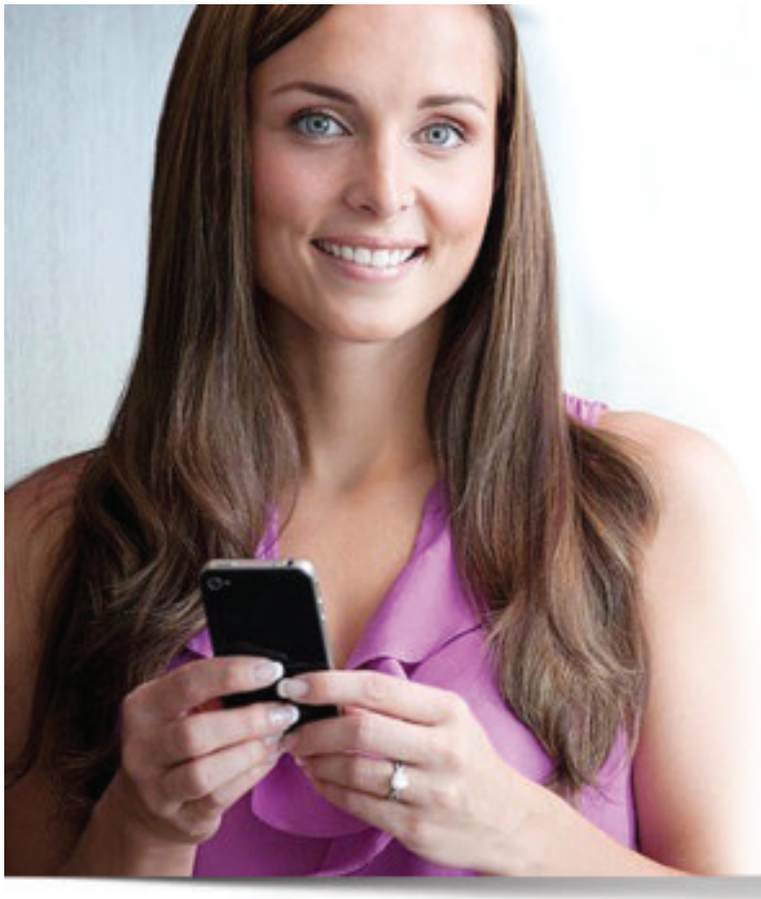

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The old, the young and the age of change

Census. Toddlers bust a move, but the oldsters just keep on coming, and the implications are only beginning to sink in

Canada is becoming a nation of the aging and the very young.

New census data shows Canada now has a higher proportion of seniors than ever before — a development that has crept up on society with far-reaching implications for health, finance, policy and everyday family relationships.

At the same time, the latest tranche of 2011 census information shows a surprising 11 per cent resurgence of toddlers — a burst of growth in the under-five population that is a complete reversal of trend-lines a decade ago and is rejuvenating every region of the country.

"I wouldn't call it a baby boom, although I think we can call it a significant increase," Laurent Martel, a demography expert at Statistics Canada, said in an interview.

Generally, though, the census shows in great detail what most people already know intuitively: Canada is aging quickly as the baby boomers mature.

The population of over-65ers has surged to nearly five million over the past five years, growing 14.1 per cent since the last official count, Statistics Canada says.

That's more than double the 5.9-per-cent increase for the population as a whole.

It's a trend that's poised to take on momentum. That's because near-seniors — people aged 60 to 64 — grew faster than any other group. Their population soared 29.1 per cent over the past five years, a pattern that will persist as they move up the age ladder.

They are the oldest edge of the baby-boom generation that includes three out of 10 Canadians, and has so dramatically shaped Canada's landscape for decades.

Young people, on the other hand, are a stagnating generation — despite the torrent of toddlers. The under-15 cohort is barely expanding, having edged up just 0.5 per cent over the past five years.

Children under 15 make up just 16.7 per cent of the population now, while seniors are at a record high of 14.8 per cent, and growing.

In just four years, Canada will face what demographers have dubbed "the cross-over": The day when there are more seniors than children.

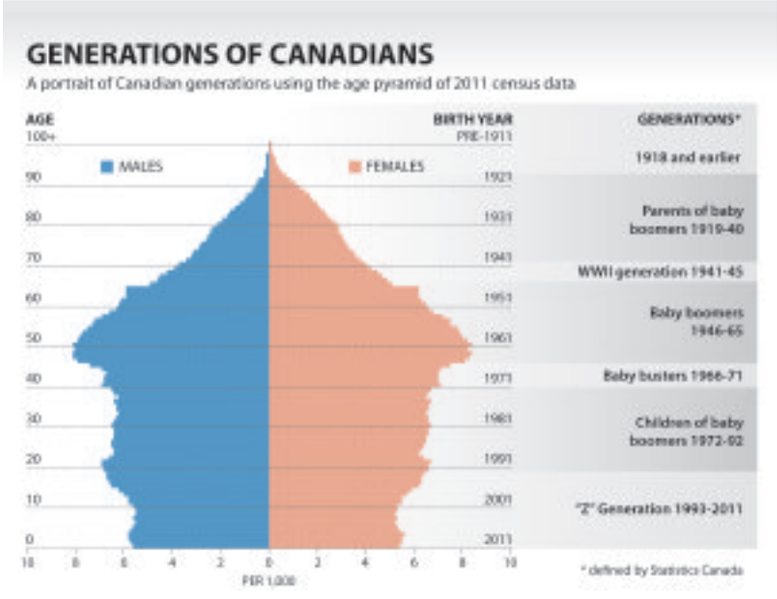
The median age in Canada is now 40.6, the oldest ever, up from 39.5 five years ago and from 33.5 two decades ago.

Canada's population aging is a mix of longer lives and a growing number of people in their senior years, Martel said.

In 2011, there were 4,870 women and 955 men aged 100 or more — the second-fastest growing age group with a 25.7-per-cent rate of expansion. By 2031, StatsCan projects the number of centenarians will reach 17,000, rising to close to 80,000 by 2061 as the bulk of the remaining baby boomers moves into the triple digits.

Compared to other G8 countries, Canada's population is relatively young, and the proportion of seniors in Canada is among the lowest in the G8.

That's about to change, Martel warned: Canada had a bigger baby boom than other countries, and as people retire in droves, Canada's aging trend will pick up speed. THE CANADIAN PRESS



By the numbers: Youngest vs. oldest communities

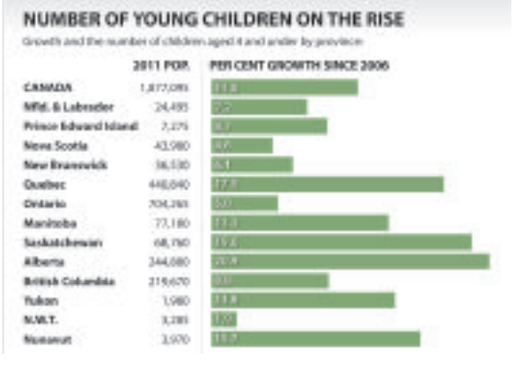
- **Top-5 youngest communities (pop. 10,000 or more)**

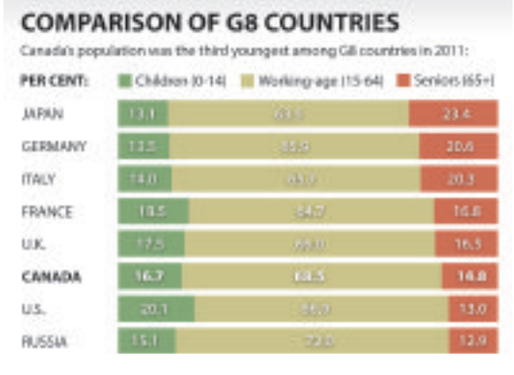
  Mackenzie County, Alta.: 22.6 years
  Hanover, Man.: 27 years
  Grande Prairie, Alta.: 30.3 years
  Petawawa, Ont.: 30.4 years
  Cold Lake, Alta.: 30.5 years

- **Top-5 oldest communities (pop. 10,000 or more)**

  Parksville, B.C.: 58.2 years
  Elliot Lake, Ont.: 57.1 years
  Sidney, B.C.: 56.9 years
  White Rock, B.C.: 53.8 years
  North Saanich, B.C.: 53.7 years

Source: Statistics Canada (Based on median age)





Birth rate

Canada's baby bump is showing

More Canadians, it seems, are changing dirty diapers, serving up spoonfuls of mushy peas and getting tongue-tied over Dr. Seuss books before bed, if the latest census figures from Statistics Canada are any indication.

Previously released population statistics show more people in Canada are having children. The national birth rate increased slightly from 1.59 in 2006 to 1.67 in 2009. In Alberta, the rate is among the highest of the provinces; it was 1.8 in 2010.

Not surprisingly, the latest increase was felt most profoundly in the Prairies, which have become magnets for job-seeking, working-age families looking for a place to put down roots.

In Alberta, the growth rate among kids four and under was 20.9 per cent, followed by Saskatchewan at 19.6 per cent. Quebec also posted a strong increase at 17.5 per cent, as did Nunavut at 15.7 per cent.

Another reason for Canada's baby bump may simply be that there are more moms. Statistics Canada attributed the spike to modestly higher fertility rates in most regions, as well as a growing number of women aged 20 to 34 — traditional child-rearing years.
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On the web

Go to metronews.ca/features to:

- Take the census 2011 quiz.
- Check out the interactive graphic on population projections by age and sex from 1971-2061.
- See the communities map for an interactive breakdown of the data city by city.
- **Watch videos.** Canadians say just "how old is old?"; seniors give longevity tips.

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The ratio of people aged 15-64 compared to people aged 65-84 in 2011. In 1931, that ratio stood at 2.95:1.
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The year Statistics Canada projects children under 14 will, for the first time, be outnumbered by seniors. This despite the efforts of a very active Alberta, which saw an increase of 20.9 per cent in the number of children aged four and under between 2006 and 2011.
5,825
The number of people in Canada aged 100 and older in 2011. Centenarians have been on the rise over the last decade, with 3,795 in 2001. But a big jump is coming, according to Statistics Canada projections, with the country on its way to seeing 78,300 centenarians in 2061.
40.6
In years, Canada's median age in 2011 — the age at which one half the population is older and the other half is younger. In 2006, it was 39.5.

Boomers feeling ageism's sting

The generation that embraced the mantra "Never trust anyone over 30" is about to get a rude awakening — if they haven't already.

Baby boomers, who railed against the entrenched social discrimination of previous generations — from sexism to racism — are barrelling headlong into an "ism" they themselves may have done much to perpetuate: Ageism.

And they don't like it one bit.

Those on the leading edge of this huge demographic, which kept millions of bassinets continually occupied from 1946 to 1965, began turning 65 last year, officially becoming senior citizens — a mantel many boomers wear with obvious discomfort.

At 62, Adina Lebo has experienced the unexpected fallout that too many birthdays can confer: After 21 years of providing marketing and promotional services for a major client in the Toronto arts and entertainment industry, she was shown the door. Finding new work has been a challenge, to say the least.

"One day when you least expect it, you find yourself out there looking for a job — and I don't think many people realize how difficult that is, because they're not looking for me anymore," said Lebo, who is single and has no company pension.

"People weren't returning my phone calls. They weren't replying that they'd received my CV."

Lebo said she's eager to see what opportunities she can create for the next phase of her working life.

"I work out an hour and a half a day. I'm in better shape now than I was in my 20s or 30s. From my perspective, I'm in the peak of my power. I'm looking for my next big job and my next big challenge.

"I'm not ready to be a Walmart greeter."

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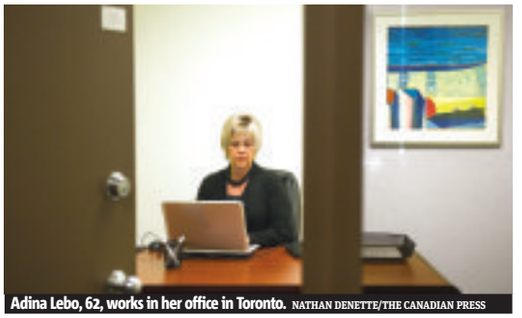
Adina Lebo, 62, works in her office in Toronto. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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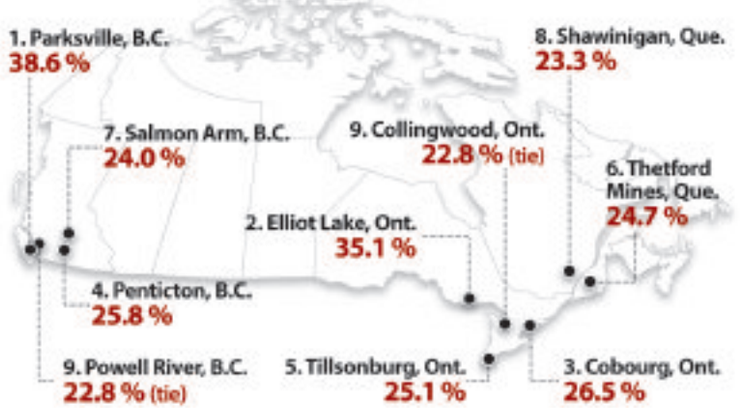
"The boomer generation assumed that the ageism they saw their parents deal with — frankly ageism they themselves were guilty of — that they themselves would be exempt."

Susan Eng, vice-president for advocacy at CARP, an organization that promotes the interests of aging Canadians

WHERE THE SENIORS ARE

A look at the Top 10 communities (population 10,000 or more) with the largest proportion of seniors, according to 2011 census data:



How old is old? 'It's how you feel'

Ask Alan Wilson to define "old" and he answers with a hearty chuckle.

"It's just a number; it's how you feel," said Wilson, a spry 82-year-old who teaches line-dancing classes at a seniors' recreation centre in Peterborough, Ont.

"I had a heart attack 10 years ago and that didn't hold me back at all."

To Wilson and many of his friends, being old is a state of mind — one that Canada's increasingly active senior set is choosing to ignore as the leading edge of the baby boom reaches the traditional retirement age of 65.

So, it's a fair question: How old is old?

The point at which health concerns become real-life realities is when a person can truly be considered "old," said Susan Eng, vice-president for advocacy at the Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP), Canada's leading seniors' advocacy organization.

"Where the rubber hits the road is when old becomes a limitation," said Eng.

And rather than deny that true old age — with its eventual drawbacks — will hit them one day, it's vital that modern seniors embrace their aging, she added.

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Mass killer

Breivik's friends suspect he's gay

Is confessed Norwegian mass killer Anders Behring Breivik gay?

Former friends of Breivik say he often expressed feminine tendencies and led some to believe he may be gay.

Three of the 33-year-old's former friends told an Oslo court on Tuesday that five years before he massacred 77 people in July, he moved back to live with his mother and ended all social contacts.

The friends, who did not want to be named, gave testimony during Breivik's trial as the defendant watched.

Breivik killed 69 people in a shooting spree on Utoya island on July 22 after setting off a bomb in Oslo that claimed eight lives.

Since May 11, survivors have given detailed accounts of how Breivik's emotionless "killing machine" hunted people down on the island, shooting them one by one.

Breivik has admitted to the killings, but denies criminal guilt.

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Again! Just nine days later, new earthquake hits Italy

Terror strikes. One woman was found alive after lying 12 hours in the rubble of her apartment

A powerful earthquake dealt a second terrifying blow Tuesday to a quake-devastated region in northern Italy.

Just nine days after an earlier temblor that killed seven people, Tuesday's quake killed at least 16 and left 200 injured.

The injured included a 65-year-old woman who was pulled out alive by rescuers after lying for 12 hours in the rubble of her apartment's kitchen in Cavezzo.

Firefighters told Sky TG24 TV that a piece of furniture, that had toppled over saved her from being crushed by the wreckage.

She was taken to hospital.

Firefighters said she'd gone into the building to get some clothes.

Factories, warehouses, barns and churches collapsed as the ground shook.

The quake shocked many of the thousands who have been living in tents or cars since the May 20 incident and created a whole new wave of homeless.

The area encompassing the cities of Modena, Mantua and Bologna are prized for their super car production — churning out Ferraris, Maseratis and Lamborghinis — world-famous Parmesan cheese, and less well-known but critical to the economy: Machinery companies.

In Mirandola, the church of San Francis crumbled, leaving only its facade standing. The main cathedral also collapsed.

In Concordia, the mayor had scheduled a town meeting to discuss the aftermath of the first quake.

Instead, Mayor Carlo Marchini confirmed the death of one person struck by falling debris.

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Rescue workers send dogs into the wreckage of a quake-hit factory in Medolla, northern Italy, on Tuesday as they search for three workers reported missing. LUCA BRUNO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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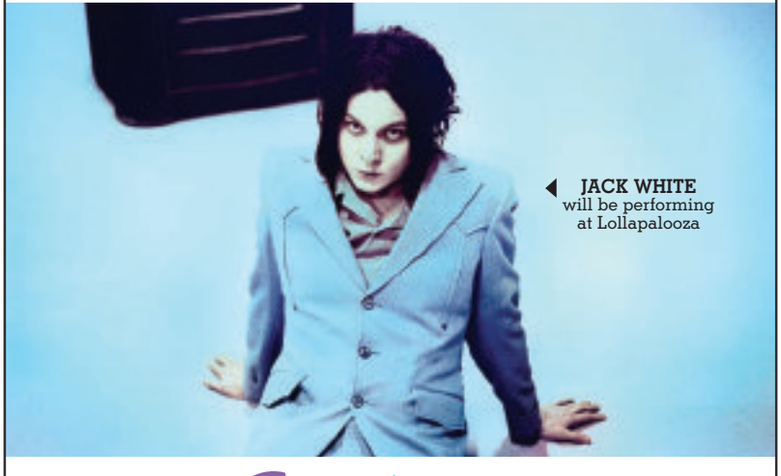

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NATO says air strike killed No. 2 al-Qaida chief in Afghanistan

The U.S.-led NATO force in Afghanistan says it has killed al-Qaida's second-highest leader in the country.

Sakhr al-Taifi died in an air strike in the eastern Kunar province, the force said Tuesday.

Al-Taifi — also known as Mushtaq and Nasim — was responsible for commanding foreign insurgents in Afghanistan and directing attacks against NATO and Afghan forces, officials said.

He frequently travelled between Afghanistan and Pakistan, carrying out commands from senior al-Qaida leadership and ferrying in weapons and fighters.

The air strike that killed al-Taifi and another al-Qaida militant took place Sunday in Kunar's Watahpur district. A follow-up survey of the area determined that no civilians were harmed, officials said.

They declined to reveal the name of al-Qaida's top leader in Afghanistan "due to ongoing operations and security concerns."

Elsewhere in Afghanistan, two would-be suicide bombers riding in a vehicle packed with explosives in the eastern Nangarhar province were killed when the vehicle exploded prematurely.

Three others in the vehicle were severely wounded.

The explosion occurred on the main highway between Jalalabad city and Torkham, a town on the Pakistani border.

The U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan was carried out because Osama bin Laden used the country as his base to plan the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Safe haven?

Most of al-Qaida's senior leaders are now believed to be based in Pakistan.

- **Many senior al-Qaida commanders have died in American drone attacks in Pakistan's northwest tribal region.**
- **Al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden was killed by U.S. commandos in the Pakistan town of Abbottabad last May.**

Six kids killed

Parents arrested in fatal U.K. fire

Police have arrested the parents of six children who died in a fire at their home, and say they are now murder suspects.

Derbyshire police say the fire broke out after fuel was poured through the front-door mail slot.

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Police baffled

Face-chewing shocks witness

A witness who saw a naked man chewing on the face of another naked man on a Miami highway ramp has revealed grisly details about the attack.

"The guy was … tearing him to pieces with his mouth," Larry Vega said.

"The guy just kept eating the other guy away, like, ripping his skin."

Vega flagged down a police officer, who he said repeatedly ordered the man — identified as Rudy Eugene, 31 — to get off the victim. Eugene growled at the officer, Vega said.

Vega said the officer shot Eugene, who continued chewing the victim's face. The officer fired again, killing him. The victim is in critical condition.

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Russian researchers discover massive new cyber-weapon

'Flame.' Virus can turn infected computers into listening devices and even have them suck info out of nearby cellphones

A massive data-slurping cyber-weapon is circulating in the Middle East, a Russian Internet-security firm reported Monday, saying that computers in Iran appear to have been particularly affected.

The virus, dubbed "Flame," is unprecedented both in terms of its size and complexity, Moscow-based Kaspersky Lab ZAO reported, saying it possesses the ability to turn infected computers into listening devices and even suck information out from nearby cellphones.

The announcement sent a ripple of excitement across the computer-security sector. Flame is the third major cyber-weapon discovered in the past two years, and Kaspersky's conclusion that it was crafted at the behest of a national government fuelled speculation that the virus could be part of an Israeli-backed campaign of electronic sabotage aimed at archrival Iran.

Some evidence suggests that the people behind Flame also helped craft Stuxnet, a notorious virus that disrupted controls of some nuclear centrifuges in Iran in 2010, according to Ilan Froimovici, the technical director at Power Communications, which represents Kaspersky in Israel.

The two codes "use the same vulnerabilities in the operating system and the computer infrastructure in order to infect the computer system. We do believe that the same programmers built the two codes," he said.

Stuxnet revolutionized the cyber-security field because it targeted physical infrastructure rather than data, one of the first demonstrations of how savvy hackers can take control of industrial systems to wreak havoc.

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'Very unusual' virus

Alan Woodward, a professor of computing at the University of Surrey in southern England, compared the virus to a smartphone — depending on what kind of espionage you want to carry out, "you just add apps."

- He said Flame can turn an infected computer into a kind of "industrial vacuum cleaner," copying data from vulnerable cellphones or other devices left near it.

New Nest knows best temp

The Nest Learning Thermostat, shown above, went on sale to Canadians on Tuesday for $249 US — the first country outside the U.S. to get access to the buzzed-about product. Company co-founder Tony Fadell — the lead designer of the iconic iPods and iPhones before leaving Apple in 2005 — thinks Canadian homeowners are ready to spring for a high-tech, premium-priced thermostat, just as they've embraced Apple's slick but pricey smartphones and tablets. The Nest doesn't need to be programmed and instead learns what temperatures owners like to keep their home at during different times. After a few days, the unit will be able to go on auto-pilot and automatically shift the temperature up and down, Fadell said. It can also sense when the house is empty and turn down the furnace or air conditioner, or users can remotely make adjustments with a web browser or app. CONTRIBUTED/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wall Street

Facebook stock falls below $30 US

Facebook's stock has fallen below $30 US for the first time since its much-awaited public debut this month.

The stock fell $3.07, or 9.6 per cent, to close at $28.84 on Tuesday. That's down 24 per cent since its public stock debut. It went as low as $28.65 earlier in the day.

Facebook Inc. began trading publicly on May 18 following one of the most anticipated stock offerings in history.

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Market Minute

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DADS SAY THE DARNEDEST THINGS

JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
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Justin Halpern is a testament to the power of Twitter.

A lovable loser who was dumped by his girlfriend, he moved back home and started mining his father's advice, salted liberally with profanity, and tweeting it to his followers, who grew into the millions.

Eventually that turned into a book contract, then a book called S--- My Dad Says, then a sitcom starring William Shatner as "Dad," and now another book, this one called I Suck at Girls. And he has already sold the TV rights.

As Dad says: "Any idiot can get lucky once. Takes a special idiot to get lucky twice." Gee, thanks.

Oh, and Halpern eventually got — and married — the girl, so maybe he doesn't actually suck at girls.

Father-son code

"My own dad preferred to deliver his wisdom in code. He only ever said two things to me: 1) Pass the salt and 2) Get a job."

My own dad preferred to deliver his wisdom in code. He only ever said two things to me: 1) Pass the salt and 2) Get a job.

After a while, the charm of wondering whether any request for advice was going to be met with either Option 1 or 2 wore off, and I stopped asking. I mean, I already had three jobs and always passed the salt. As far as I could tell, following instructions failed to help with girls.

One of my earliest attempts at romance failed when the object of my affections said I'd make "some girl a great husband." Which at the time sounded like a crushing put-down. Which it was. Even worse, I'm not even sure my actual wife would agree.

Halpern says that when his wife-to-be broke up with him the first time, it was his lucky day. Otherwise he never would have moved back home and tweeted Dirty Dad to riches and fame.

I had the same kind of bittersweet formative love life: When I was 16, I met a terrific girl with terrific red hair and a terrific itsy-bitsy teeny-weenie yellow polka-dot bikini. Unfortunately, she also came with a psychopath named Ray who owned a Harley.

So I was curious about what Sam Halpern had to say about the inhabitants of Venus.

Here's the cleanest I could find. "No, you can be ugly and get laid. You just gotta be willing to s---w someone uglier than you." Dad's a real piece of work.

I Suck at Girls is shot through with similarly colourful bromides. At one point, when he was nine, Justin asked Sam to explain the birds and the bees. "No," said Sam. "You don't even have hair on your balls."

I think I prefer "Pass the salt" and "Get a job."

According to a recent survey, Justin and I aren't the only ones getting bad advice. Turns out only 31 per cent of Canadian women actually experience an orgasm during sex, compared to 84 per cent of men.

Maybe we should all just get a job instead.

Justin Halpern FREDERICK M. BROWN/GETTY IMAGES

Royal portrait is rubbish

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Royalist art

The Queen has a button nose — literally

Jane Perkins
CONTRIBUTED

Artist Jane Perkins has created three portraits of the Queen made from unwanted buttons, beads and small plastic toys.

The triptych depicts the monarch in three stages of life: During her Coronation, Silver Jubilee and Diamond Jubilee. The above two are for the Coronation and Diamond Jubilee. METRO WORLD NEWS

Perkins on her Queen art

- **Sum of many parts.** "I honestly cannot say how many separate items I have used in these portraits. Generally speaking, I use everything from small plastic toys, beads, broken jewelry, buttons, bottle tops and other small found objects to create my art. I get these materials from car boot sales and charity shops that can't sell them. I started out doing this art while making brooches in my final year in my degree in textiles. I was inspired by headdresses from Ecuador used in religious processions, many of which have been made from Barbie doll parts. While I don't consider myself an ardent royalist, I have enjoyed making the portraits of the Queen, particularly making the crown with different shiny objects can be a very creative process."
- **How it's all pieced together.** "It doesn't take too long to make one portrait — only two weeks. First, I blow up an image of the person to a 70-by-50 centimetre size, and start sticking the various objects on top of the blow-ups themselves. As the colour of the blow-up photocopy is often faded, I always have an 'original,' smaller but higher-resolution image to work from. This way, I can stay true to the original colours of the portraits when I add my items."
- **Artistic philosophy.** "I have serious views about recycling and reusing materials. We're drowning in so much unwanted stuff."

In numbers

129

The number of portraits the Queen has sat down for during her reign. Lucien Freud's portrayal in 2001 proved to be the most controversial, with critics describing the sober likeness as "extremely unflattering."

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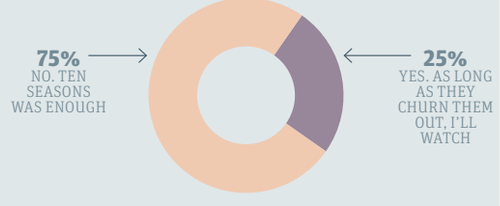

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@miss_tanis: Either that's the sun in #yxe or the moon is on fire...

@MarkHorseman: Camping with the Boys this weekend. It's Beaver camp for the Twins, but Aidan's coming along to help and we're going to Tent it. #yxe

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Evil thoughts and threads

Snow White and the Huntsman. Dressed to kill — Charlize Theron shines as a wicked queen in beautiful but 'treacherous' costumes

Charlize Theron's evil queen costumes for Snow White and the Huntsman called for hundreds of hand-cut rooster feathers, thousands of iridescent beetle wings from Thailand and one particularly imposing crown.

The outfits, some of which are on view at an LA pop-up gallery ahead of the film's June 1 opening, represented a host of firsts for Academy Award-winning costume designer Colleen Atwood.

From the leather piping on the pleats of the queen's wedding gown to the gauzy green metal trim on the beetle-wing dress, the nine-time Oscar nominee and three-time winner experimented with materials for director Rupert Sanders' dark take on the classic fairy tale.

"The idea of the fairy tale sets you free in a way because you can make it up," Atwood said. "And I love to make up stuff." She created an armoured ensemble fit for a queen by dressing up chain mail with rolled leather and horsehair trim and topping it off with a particularly pointy metal crown.

"We wanted to have a formidable silhouette," Atwood said, "and from a distance it's spooky with the crown and her height and everything." (Theron stands nearly six feet tall, the designer added.)

In Sanders' version of the Snow White story, Kristen Stewart portrays the only woman in the land fairer than Theron's evil queen Ravenna. The queen dispatches a huntsman (Chris Hemsworth) to kill the young woman, but instead he becomes her mentor and protector.

Atwood took on the project after finishing work on Tim Burton's Dark Shadows, starring Johnny Depp. Atwood and Burton are frequent and successful collaborators. Her most recent Oscar was for his 2010 film Alice in Wonderland, and she earned nominations for her costumes in Burton's Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street and Sleepy Hollow.

Academy-Award-winning costume designer Colleen Atwood with a costume from Snow White and the Huntsman in Los Angeles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Snow White director Sanders said Atwood's wardrobes "blend seamlessly into this world, and they speak volumes about the world and its characters."

Theron agreed. From the wedding dress, with its architectural shoulders that appear to be made from bones, to the twice-embroidered gown that eventually resembles an old, peeling skin, Atwood's costumes reflect the evil queen's obsession with appearances.

"Every costume had a feeling of not quite what it seems," Theron said. "In a way, these dresses were like torture devices for Ravenna. I love that because I feel like Ravenna was, in a way, more torturous toward herself than to the people she was killing."

To minimize the actual onset torture, Atwood employed a team of about 50 people to help the actors in and out of the elaborate costumes.

But the beetle wings remain dangerous. Thousands of the hard, brittle wings decorate the evil queen's regal dress of silk and metal mesh.

"They're incredibly sharp, so I had to be careful about how I used them. If you hit them, you can hurt yourself," the designer said. "They're quite treacherous, which really suited the character." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A guide to killer animal movies

Piranha 3DD. In the hinterland who's who of cinema there are as many kinds of 'animals gone wild' movies as there are animals

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This weekend Piranha 3DD dusts off not one, but two nature attacks genres.

First and foremost it falls squarely into the 'death from the briny depths' category. In the movie blood-crazed prehistoric fish nibble their way through a fresh pack of nubile teenagers at a water park, joining the likes of Jaws (hungry shark on the beach species), Mako: Jaws of Death (psychic sharks) and Tentacles (angry squid gets even with calamari eaters) and Piranha, the 1978 film about man eating fish at a summer resort ("They're eating the guests, sir."). Frankenfish features a genetically engineered fish who is a double threat — it swims and walks on land!

Piranha 3DD also falls into the 'hungry primeval creature' sub-genre. Most famous of this genre is Grizzly, a 1976 movie about an ancient 18-foot bear who snacks on campers.

On the other end of the scale are the 'mutated bug' movies. Tired of being squished under foot these critters are the product of scientific research or radioactive mutation. Them! and Empire of the Ants see radioactively modified ants acting up, while William Shatner battles killer web-slingers in Kingdom of the Spiders. In Spider one character sums up the plot with the line, "That spider is a killing machine!"

Alfred Hitchcock didn't invent the 'when-animals-attack' genre, but he helped create the 'we're mad as hell and aren't going to take it anymore' (animal edition) variety.

Animals had gone wild on film before The Birds, but usually because they were tormented by their owners — King Kong — or victims of radiation — see 'chemically altered bug movies' — or hungry — Food of the Gods where giant chickens feed on humans — but Hitchcock's birds attack for no reason.

Christopher Lloyd stars as Mr. Goodman in Piranha 3DD HANDOUT

Next is the 'mother nature is angry' genus, and everyone knows it's best not to annoy Mother Earth. Everyone that is except the campers who learn that forest animals don't react kindly to having their home turned into a waste dump in Long Weekend.

And finally there's the 'animal cage match', seen in Frogs, in which members of a rich Southern family are massacred by all manner of animals — birds, lizards and even butterflies — in payback for ruining the environment.

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Scene in brief

Citytv announces fall lineup

A new comedy from the creators of Will & Grace, the addition of late night host Jimmy Kimmel and the arrival of Katie Couric's daytime talk show are among the highlights of Citytv's fall slate of shows. Upcoming offerings include the buddy comedy Partners from Will & Grace creators David Kohan and Max Mutchnick, the odd-couple sibling sitcom Ben and Kate, Mindy Kaling's single-camera The Mindy Project and Reba McEntire's Malibu Country. Another five comedies are set for mid-season: 1600 Penn, about life in a dysfunctional White House; The Goodwin Games about three grown siblings who stand to inherit millions; How to Live with Your Parents (For the Rest of Your Life) with Sarah Chalke as a single mom forced to move back in with her parents; plus Citytv productions Package Deal, about three overly close brothers and Seed, about a sperm donor who becomes entangled in the lives of his newfound children. Meanwhile, J.J. Abrams's dystopian drama Revolution and the creepy 666 Park Avenue also hit airwaves this fall. The Hannibal Lecter thriller Hannibal and Sex and the City prequel The Carrie Diaries will air mid-season.
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On the web

Barenaked Ladies frontman Ed Robertson co-hosts Live! With Kelly

Tears of a clown: A comedian's story

Tasteful Nudes...
Collection of candid personal essays, funny and poignant, highlight comedian's misadventures and triumphs

JIM FENNER
Metro World News New York

Dave Hill may have the unassuming face of a man who could give you solid tax advice, but be forewarned. He is in fact a snapping Cerberus, a riotous triumvirate of comedy, heavy metal and velvet suits. The comedian whose biographical gamut includes several long-running stage shows, appearances on This American Life, rock collaborations with Moby and a budding bro-mance with Dick Cavett, unleashes his proverbial beast in Tasteful Nudes...and Other Misguided Attempts at Personal Growth and Validation, a "tell-some" collection of personal essays. At turns hilarious and poignant, blusterous and self-effacing, the book covers some of the misadventures and moments of triumph — after all, we don't all get to tour Japan — that help forms Hill into the irresistibly likable goofball his fans know today.

You're known as the King of Metal, talk shows and podcasts. Are you now the king of books?

That's the plan. I wanted to establish my dominance in another medium. I've had only like three goals in my life. My first goal was to have a rock band, have a record deal and a video on MTV. So, boom, I did that. I've been wanting to write a book for 10 or 12 years, but I got so completely sidetracked with everything else. Recently though, I thought, "Oh shit! What if they stop making books? I better get on that!"

It's 2012, man. The Mayans are coming for the books first.

Yeah, exactly! Books might cease to exist. And now, my only other goal is to get one of those Newfoundland dogs. They just make me so happy. I had an idea years ago for a business called "Rent-A-Pup" where you could rent a dog, but then someone actually did it in Japan. My business model was like, a Newfoundland would be the same price as two terriers.

Two out of three ain't bad. You met your goal with putting out the book — what next?

I'm hoping to become wildly rich. It would be good in general, but specifically, it would be great to just get the dog. I hope that people that would like the book find out about it. And buy it. And read it. I think it has wide appeal — to young AND old! You probably have to be at least 13 to read it because of all the F-bombs.

There are a ton of F-Bombs. But they're sweet F-bombs.

That's the most scandalous thing in the book, I think. There's the prostitute that I don't have sex with (the subject of the title story Tasteful Nudes). Oh! And, as a follow up, I recently spoke with her and she got out of the business. She got in touch with me to tell me. She started her own business that doesn't involve having sex for money.

Hill's new collection of essays is a snapshot of the comedian's life. HANDOUT

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Amanda Bynes ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Amanda Bynes defends herself after news of third hit-and-run

It's just now coming to light that Amanda Bynes may have been involved in a third hit-and-run incident in April — just four days after her arrest for driving under the influence following her hitting a police car, according to TMZ.

A woman says a BMW slammed into her car on the 101 freeway on April 10, then sped off. While the woman gave chase, she was only able to get the license plate number, which police traced to a rental car that had been hired by Bynes. The woman identified Bynes as the driver using her mug shot from her recent arrest.

Quoted

"I cant help but laugh at all of you writing fake stories about me. I was not in any hit-and-runs"

Amanda Bynes

Jessica Biel

Jessica Biel says wedded bliss won't change her life

Jessica Biel admits she isn't expecting a whole new life once she marries Justin Timberlake.

"To me, nothing will really change, because I'm almost never home," she tells Gala magazine. "But when I am home, I enjoy cooking."

So what exactly does the actress like to make? "I especially love making cupcakes," she says. Biel also describes herself as "someone who lets things happen naturally," so don't expect a baby right away from the famous couple.

The Word

Wayne Coyne shows us a new side of Erykah Badu

THE WORD
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Flaming Lips frontman Wayne Coyne can always be counted on to fulfill a few basic rock 'n' roll needs: providing drastic psychedelic reinterpretations of songs you thought you already knew; teaming up with left-field collaborators that might not make sense on paper but sound awesome in practice; and tweeting the odd nude photo of himself, somebody he knows or somebody that you know.

Yesterday, Coyne got a hat trick when he tweeted nude photos of Erykah Badu, with whom he was shooting a video for a 10-minute cover she did with the Lips of a song that Roberta Flack made famous, The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face. The photos showed Badu bathing in glitter, covered in blood and generally seeming like a perfect foil to Coyne's weirdness.

God bless the Flaming Lips!

She's expressing something

While rehearsing her hit Express Yourself for a concert in Tel Aviv over the weekend, Madonna mixed things up a little and transitioned eerily, hilariously smoothly into Lady Gaga's Born This Way.

Like everyone else, Madonna flagged Gaga's song for sounding like a knock-off when it was released, calling it "reductive" and a "wonderful redo" of Express Yourself.

We're not sure what to think here: playful peace offering acknowledging that there's room for two, or is this Madonna's severed unicorn head?

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Robert De Niro

Robert De Niro offers career advice to grads

Robert De Niro received an honourary doctorate from Bates College in Maine this weekend, and he gave some interesting advice.

"I think this is the most important piece of advice you'll get today: become a movie star," De Niro told the crowd, according to the Bangor Daily News.

"You might be tempted by other careers, other interests, other commitments. There might be pressure on you to change the world, but you want to find the strength to resist. When I started, I wasn't a movie star, and it sucked. The moment I became a movie star, things started to get better."

Bar Refaeli

Bar Refaeli dishes on her celebrity crushes

A few years with Leonardo DiCaprio has apparently made Bar Refaeli choosy when it comes to men.

"Justin Bieber and I are going to get married some day," she tells Us Weekly at the Maxim magazine Hot 100 party. (Refaeli came in at No. 1, by the way.) "I also like Tom Cruise. He's very classy. I liked him in Jerry Maguire and in roles like that." And while Refaeli's tastes skew A-list, they're not confined to men, as the Israeli model admits she has a massive girl-crush on Hunger Games star Jennifer Lawrence. "She's natural, she's down to earth. I think she's all that."

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Read a newspaper, in print or online, every day

@Mruff221
Did you know one hour of sunlight on the planet delivers enough energy to power the entire world for a year?

@pattonoswalt
For discovering all those murder victims over the years -- thank you, hikers.

3 LIFE

Travel in brief

When you can't take Fido...

When you travel and have to leave your dog behind, you can call a kennel, hire a pet sitter — or find him a new friend online. The website DogVacay debuted in New York and Los Angeles in March and, just in time for the summer travel season, is now available throughout the United States and Canada. The site lets pet owners look up hosts in the area who will care for a dog in their own homes, giving a pet the food, exercise and attention you would give if you stayed home — sort of a doggy version of couch-surfing, for an average price of $25 to $30 a day. Hosts are checked out and interviewed by DogVacay and every owner and dog is encouraged to meet the host. The Santa Monica-based company was founded by Aaron and Karine Nissim Hirschhorn. In two months it has grown to over 4,000 hosts in two countries and from five employees to 13, Hirschhorn said. Visit dogvacay.com for more information.

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On the web

Montreal's Ritz-Carlton shows off results of $200-million restoration.

The Gladstone Hotel is entirely dedicated to art. METRO WORLD NEWS

The top five arty hotels

A crappy reproduction of Van Gogh's Sunflowers just doesn't cut it in a boutique hotel trying to attract high-end, culturally demanding guests. Here are some hotels that combine style with the feel of an art gallery.

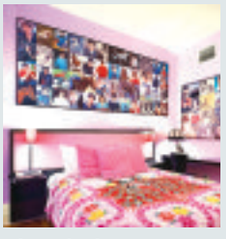
METRO WORLD NEWS

Hotel La Belle Juliette, Paris, France

In 2005, the photography-loving owners of Hotels Paris Rive Gauche, a group of boutique hotel gems in the French capital, commissioned photographers to capture the essence of a night's stay at one of their hotels in a single shot. The project proved such a hit that it inspired an annual "A hotel photo, an artist's view" photo prize and exhibition, to support up-and-coming photographers. Each month a different young photographer is invited to give their take on a night's stay at a HPRG hotel; the results are shown on phpa.fr and in an annual show in a gallery. hotel-belle-juliette-paris.com

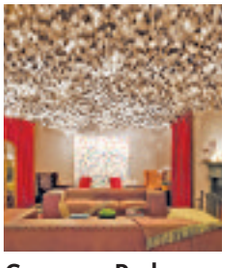
Town Hall Hotel, London, England

The owners of this imposing hotel in the former Bethnal Green Town Hall commissioned seven artists to create works as it was being built. They integrate sensitively with the original features from the 1910s and 1930s and reflect the building's rich history; the art here is built into the hotel. So Debbie Lawson's wooden veneer Victorian-era ladies of the night are discreetly inlaid into the parquet floor that runs along the first floor corridor, and Zoe Mendelson's artwork lights up the 1930s original Town Hall safe in the reception. townhallhotel.com



The Gladstone Hotel, Toronto

Not only are the 37 rooms in Toronto's artiest and oldest continuously-operating hotel designed by artists, but the entire building is dedicated to art. A full-time curator organizes exhibitions in the four galleries, and the hotel hosts around 100 art events and exhibitions every year, as well as live performances, comedy, gigs, burlesque and creative courses. More than 4,000 art lovers flock to the annual Come Up To My Room festival, when artists and designers display their works, with sculptures throughout the corridors, the guestrooms and generally imposing their presence on the hotel's public spaces for four days. gladstonehotel.com



Gramercy Park Hotel, New York

It's not every night that you get to sleep beneath one of Damien Hirst's spin paintings, but you can do that at the Gramercy Park Hotel. This is hotel meets art museum. The flamboyant interiors of this grand hotel were reconceived by designer Ian Schrager and painter Julian Schnabel, whose work hangs above the fireplace. Priceless works are littered throughout this wildly creative space, from Basquiats and Andy Warhols discreetly hung in lounges alongside bespoke designer furniture pieces, to a vast scarlet Cy Twombly canvas in the lounge. gramercyparkhotel.com

The Saxon Hotel, Johannesburg, South Africa

This luxurious hotel in Johannesburg has a strong sense of its African heritage – Nelson Mandela moved in here after he was released from his prison ordeal and wrote his famous autobiography, The Long Road to Freedom. The hotel recently invested in a significant collection of African art, acquiring more than 200 original artworks created by 11 emerging and established South African artists, giving guests the chance to fully immerse themselves in African culture. saxon.co.za

Good things come wrapped in paper

Black Cod. Asparagus and creme fraîche walnut sauce makes this one delicious meal

Simple, light and delicious, this recipe combines fresh herbs and spices that perfectly complement the rich butter flavour of the fish.

The combo of creme fraiche and walnuts add a crunchy twist to a delicately spiced, classic meal.

The creamy walnut sauce can also be served on top of chicken breasts or turkey. It makes a delicious vegetable dip as well.

Ingredients

- 250 ml (1 cup) walnut pieces, coarsely chopped
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) fresh tarragon leaves, chopped
- 60 ml (1/4 cup) creme fraîche
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) Dijon mustard
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) apple cider vinegar
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) walnut or olive oil
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) capers, chopped
- 4 small potatoes, thinly sliced
- 20 asparagus spears, trimmed
- 4 pieces (each 150 g/4 oz) black cod

1. Cut 4 circles of parchment paper (each 38 cm/15 inches in diameter); set aside.

2. In a bowl, combine walnuts, tarragon, creme fraiche, Dijon mustard, vinegar, walnut oil and capers; set aside.

3. Fold one parchment round in half and unfold. Spread one sliced potato in the centre of the bottom half of parchment. Place five asparagus spears on top of the potato and then lay the black cod on the asparagus.

4. Spoon 1/4 of the walnut mixture on top of the cod and fold the top half of parchment over. Seal edges by twisting and pressing the edges together in a half moon pattern. Repeat with remaining pieces of cod.

5. Place parchment packets on a baking sheet and bake in 200 C (400 F) oven for 20 to 25 minutes until parchment is lightly browned.

6. Remove from oven. Carefully cut a slit in the top of the packets, taking care as contents will be hot and steam may escape. Tear back edges of paper to reveal fish and serve. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ WALNUTINFO.COM/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)

Black Cod en Papillote

This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Drink of the Week

Watermelon Mojitos

1. In a tall glass, place mint. Using back of a wooden spoon, muddle. In blender, purée watermelon, 20 seconds. In a cocktail glass, combine watermelon, cherry syrup, lime juice and rum. Stir. Add ice and top with sparkling water. Serve immediately.

- 3 fresh mint sprigs
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) watermelon purée
- 5 ml (1 tsp) cherry-flavoured syrup or grenadine
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) freshly squeezed lime juice
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) light rum
- Ice cubes
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chilled sparkling water or club soda

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Steam your way to healthy fish options

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Admittedly, steamed fish doesn't exactly scream mouthwatering. But what it lacks in excitement it makes up for in health cred.

Steaming generally involves no added fat and is a great way of retaining all of the nutrients in your food. It's also speedy.

One of the best ways to steam fish is what the French call en papillote (pronounced on pap-ee-oat), or literally "in parchment." In this simple method, fish is wrapped in a packet of parchment paper. As it cooks, the food releases juices. Those flavourful juices turn to steam and are trapped in the packet, cooking and flavouring the food, while keeping it moist.

1. Heat the oven to 375 F.

2. Cut 4 large pieces parchment paper, about 12-by-20-inches each. Fold each in half the short way.

3. In bowl, toss green beans with the paprika. Season with salt and black pepper. Open each sheet of parchment similar to a book. Arrange quarter of beans on one half of each sheet of parchment, placing them close to the fold line. Top each pile with a hake fillet. Season again with salt and pepper.

4. Top each fillet with a sprig of thyme, a mint leaf, a sprig of marjoram and a slice of lemon. Fold the parchment packets closed like a book again. Starting at one end of the fold, fold the edges of the paper together every couple of inches, creating a seam all the way around. Tuck the last end under and place on a baking sheet.

5. Bake 10 minutes. To serve, place each packet on a serving plate and tear open at the centre. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 1/2 pound small green beans, trimmed
- Pinch smoked paprika
- Salt and ground black pepper
- Four 4-ounce hake fillets
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme
- 4 fresh mint leaves
- 4 small sprigs fresh marjoram
- 4 lemon slices

Student Voice

The hunt has been harder than expected

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In 2006, I dropped out of tourism and travel to pursue my dream: music. I specialized in Music Business and Engineering at Fanshawe College in London, Ont., and the program was structured so well that it seemed I wouldn't have any trouble finding a job after graduation.

The initial search was hard, and it took me a couple months of applications and emails before I finally landed an internship at a small music label in Toronto. It was a three-month internship with a chance for more work, I was told. So I packed up and moved to Toronto.

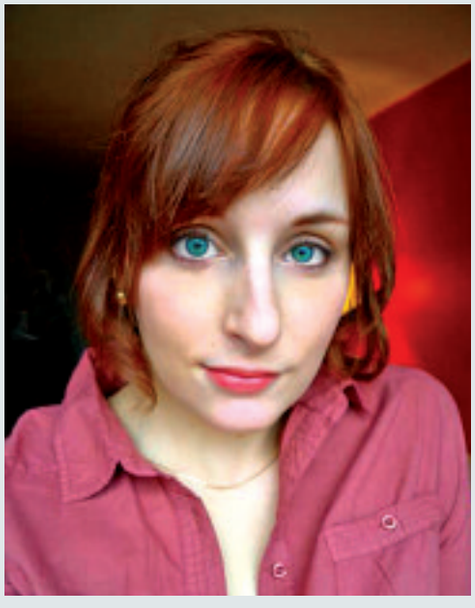
Eventually I was asked to start doing some commission work, which included researching bands and video editing. However, this small amount of pay was only for work I was doing outside office hours.

Three months later, I mentioned the idea of full-time work. My boss said, "This wasn't an internship; this is the job. We pay you commission — that's more than we'd ever give an intern. But keep up the good work!"

Two weeks later, I quit.

This is when it got hard. I spent an entire year unemployed with very few interviews. I applied for jobs in every city, a minimum of three per day.

It was a long and depressing year, and it never got better until a particularly desperate night in June, when I bit the bullet and applied to college programs for advertising. School is the one thing I was never rejected from.



Where I am now

I just finished my first year of Advertising Media Sales at Humber College, with honours. I chose advertising because it can be applied to so many fields and seems to always be a necessity for every successful company. For the past few months, I have been applying for summer internships in advertising and marketing departments all over the city. While I am currently waiting on a promising verdict from one company, it seems not much has changed. I only had two related interviews out of my dozens of applications, and I've run out of job listings. The main problem right now is that agencies want a graduate — someone who will be of use for more than just four months.

My recommendations for students

Job rejection really isn't personal and generally you're competing with 15 other people for one little job. The odds are never in your favour, but that doesn't mean you can just stop. You will never get the job you don't apply to, and you can never fear that rejection.

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If you haven't seriously considered the insurance industry as an ideal place to start your career, maybe these statistics will encourage you to start:

Not even the recent tough economic times could slow the growth of the insurance industry; while many industries were laying off workers at the height of the last economic downturn, about 12,000 positions were added to the insurance workforce in Canada.

In addition, according to recent demographic research conducted by The Insurance Institute of Canada, about half of the approximately 110,000 property and casualty insurance professionals are between 41 and 60 years old, and 25 per cent of them are expected to retire in the next two to six years.

There aren't enough young insurance professionals to fill those gaps at the entry level or to move up into management roles, so the opportunities to start and grow your career within the insurance industry are enormous no matter what your educational background.

Trevor Buttrum, Career Connections Program Manager at the Insurance Institute (career-connections.info), answered a few of our questions to help students and recent grads better understand the job opportunities in this booming industry.

What are the different areas of the insurance industry?

There are three main types of insurance:

Life, Health and Financial: Essentially, making sure money is there to support you in case you get sick or to make sure families and friends do not need to shoulder the costs associated with your final expenses.

Social Insurance: These are government administered programs. In Canada, we are lucky enough to have universal health care. We also have employment insurance and workplace safety insurance which make sure we have a means of financial support in the case of job loss or injury at work.

Property and Casualty: This is essentially for anything without a pulse. Whether it's for something we own, our businesses or even our liability in an accident.

What do people who work in insurance typically like most about their jobs?

When asked what they like most about the industry, many insurance professionals talk about the variety and stability the industry offers.

There is a multitude of opportunities available within the sector that build on your interests, experience and career goals.

The industry also has an openness to working in multiple business areas or changing directions over the course of your career. This allows for a career path that evolves and is as individual as you are.

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Want to learn more?

A good starting point is the Career Connections website (career-connections.info). Here students and recent graduates can:

- Read full occupational profiles for each of the nine gateway roles.
- Watch video clips about the industry and hear from professionals about their experiences working in insurance.
- Explore insurance education, licences and professional designations.

Soccer

Ukraine denies racism claims ahead of Euro 2012

Ukraine's Foreign Ministry says British media reports about racism among the country's football fans portray Ukraine unfairly ahead of the European championship.

The BBC on Monday broadcast a program showing fans in Ukraine and co-host Poland giving the Nazi salute and taunting black players.

Former England defender Sol Campbell told the broadcaster that fans should not travel to the tournament "because you could end up coming back in a coffin."

Ukraine Foreign Ministry spokesman Oleh Voloshyn said on Tuesday the BBC report is wrong and claimed Ukraine "is one of the leaders in Europe" in racial and religious tolerance.

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Tennis

Serena suffers career-first setback

Serena Williams lost in the first round of a major tournament for the first time in her career, falling to Virginie Razzano of France 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3 Tuesday at the French Open.

The fifth-seeded Williams was two points from victory nine times in the second set, including leading 5-1 in the tiebreaker. But Razzano won six straight points to force a third set, and then took control of the match.

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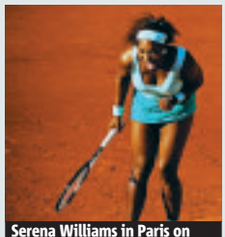

Serena Williams in Paris on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

MLB

Phillies lose ace Halladay to injury

Philadelphia's Roy Halladay is expected to miss six to eight weeks because of a strained right shoulder, the latest major setback for the Phillies.

Halladay was put on the 15-day disabled list Tuesday, two days after he was hit hard and pulled from a start in St. Louis after just two innings because of shoulder soreness.

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Common ground in cup-final showdown

NHL. Devils and Kings took similar paths on journey to Stanley Cup

Mike Richards works out on Tuesday in New Jersey. GETTY IMAGES

Devils head coach Peter DeBoer gives instruction during practice on Tuesday in Newark, N.J. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A great goalie. Depth in front of him. The ability to win on the road. And a respected coach.

Two teams with plenty of similarities drop the puck Wednesday for the Stanley Cup.

The sixth-seeded New Jersey Devils and eighth-seeded Los Angeles Kings face off at the Prudential Center in hockey's finale.

Both teams have already been forged in the cauldron of the playoffs. As lower seeds, they have not had home-ice advantage and had to get here the hard way.

Depth has been key to both.

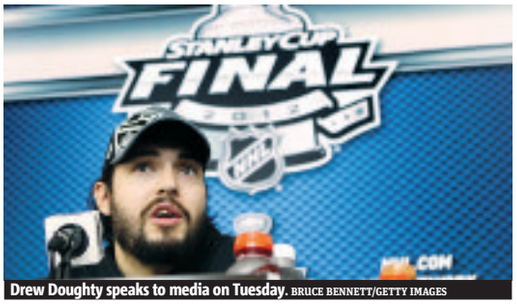
"I don't think it's an accident that the teams that are rolling four lines and six D (defencemen) are still playing," Devils coach Peter DeBoer said Tuesday.

"I think if you talked to Darryl, I would bet he'd say the same thing. It's been critical. You don't play 20, 25 playoff games and the grind and the emotion and the battle without having depth. You just can't."

Said Kings coach Darryl Sutter: "The way the schedule is and the way the travel is, you don't do it without everybody making some sort of contribution. Not just the minutes played but in performance."

Los Angeles is a mind-boggling 8-0 in the playoffs on the road, where the home team has the last line change. New Jersey is 6-4.

Both teams rely on their goaltenders to keep the opposition honest.



Drew Doughty speaks to media on Tuesday. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Martin Brodeur on Tuesday. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

New Jersey looks to career Devil Martin Brodeur, a future Hall of Famer who is still going strong at age 40.

Los Angeles has 26-year-old Jonathan Quick, who leads playoff goalies in goals-against average (1.54) and save percentage (.946). Brodeur's corresponding figures are 2.04 and .923.

Much has been made of the Kings' size, but the league says there's really not much difference between the two. The Devils' average height and weight is six-foot-one and 204 pounds. For the Kings it's six-foot-one and 208.

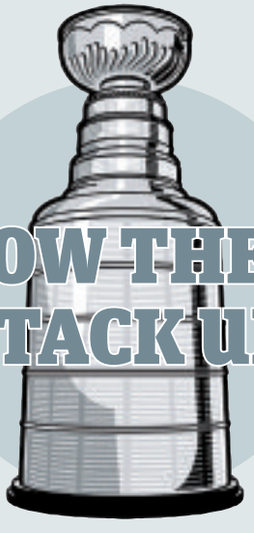
New Jersey's average age is 30, compared to 26.5 for Los Angeles.

"I think the goalies bring the average up quite a bit," Devils forward Dainius Zubrus said dryly, referencing Brodeur and 39-year-old Johan Hedberg.

The Kings have more Canadians than the Devils (13 to six). THE CANADIAN PRESS

Breakdown

HOW THEY STACK UP



DEVILS

No. 6 (East), 48-28-6 record, won season series 2-0

The Devils are in the Stanley Cup final for the fifth time and are looking for their fourth title. New Jersey captured the cup in 1995, 2000 and 2003, with its only final-series loss to Colorado in 2001. Martin Brodeur has been there for all the final appearances, and could call it a career at age 40 once this series is over — win or lose.

KINGS

No. 8 (West), 40-27-15 record

The Kings are in the final for the second time in team history. L.A. is still looking for its first Stanley Cup, having lost in five games to Montreal in 1993. The Kings have won an NHL-record eight straight road playoff games — the first team to do it in one playoff year. Los Angeles has outscored opponents 30-13 in its road games.

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4 SPORTS

Stanley Cup final

"It doesn't make it bitter at all. Quite frankly, I think it's more interesting to watch. I am very fond of Richards and Carter. I'd love to see them succeed. As far as Jersey is concerned, they beat us. If they win, at least we know we lost to the best."

Philadelphia Flyers founder and owner Ed Snider, who said Tuesday he'd love to see former Flyers Mike Richards and Jeff Carter win the Stanley Cup with the Los Angeles Kings. Philadelphia general manager Paul Holmgren's gamble last summer to trade Richards and Carter in the prime of their careers yielded mixed results. The Flyers won 47 games, totalled 103 points, finished fifth in the Eastern Conference and had a six-game post-season series win over odds-on favourite Pittsburgh.

On the web

Manchester United may have lost the English Premier League title to its cross-city rival, but the club still claims to be the most-followed soccer team in the world. Internal research suggests United's popularity has doubled to 659-million followers in the last five years. Scan the code for the story.

Spurs continue perfect playoffs

Kawhi Leonard, right, blocks a shot by Kevin Durant Tuesday in San Antonio. DARREN ABATE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA. San Antonio sets NBA record with 20th consecutive victory bridging regular season and playoffs

San Antonio is halfway to turning the Western Conference finals into a runaway.

Tony Parker scored 34 points, Manu Ginobili added 20 and the Spurs stayed perfect in the playoffs with a 120-111 win over the Oklahoma City Thunder in Game 2 on Tuesday night.

The Spurs set an NBA record with their 20th consecutive victory bridging the regular season and the playoffs. They came in sharing the longest such streak with the 2000-01 Lakers, who won 19 straight before losing to Philadelphia in the first game of the finals.

Those Lakers went on to win the championship and there's no reason yet to think the Spurs won't do the same. They put on an offensive clinic for three quarters, shooting 60 per cent from the field and leading by as many as 22 points in the third quarter.

Game 2

Spurs	Thunder
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The Thunder made a late surge to get within six points, but Parker, Ginobili and Tim Duncan helped San Antonio put the Thunder in a 2-0 deficit with Game 3 Thursday night in Oklahoma City.

Kevin Durant had 31 points and James Harden rebounded from a rough Game 1 to score 30 for the Thunder, who have lost two straight for the first time since early April. Oklahoma City dropped to 15-4 in games after losses this season.

San Antonio picked up where it left off from the 39-point fourth quarter that turned Game 1 on Sunday. With sharp passes and hot shooting, the Spurs jumped to a 19-9 lead after the Thunder missed six of their first seven shots and had three turnovers in the first four minutes.

The biggest cheer from the crowd came after Ginobili flipped a behind-the-back pass to Parker in the corner for another three and the lead ballooned to 78-58.

Oklahoma City called a timeout, and Durant screamed at his teammates in the huddle. He started a modest 6-0 run with a pullup jumper and Spurs coach Gregg Popovich called a timeout, yelling at Parker as he came off the court.

Popovich continued screaming in the huddle, but by the time the teams headed back to the court, he and Parker were arm-in-arm, talking and nodding in agreement.

Late in the third quarter, the Thunder began intentionally fouling Tiago Splitter, a 32 per cent free-throw shooter during the playoffs.

That backfired, too. Splitter went 5 for 10 over a 54-second span before Popovich replaced him with Duncan, and Oklahoma City trailed by the same margin — 16 — that it did when Thunder coach Scott Brooks called for the "Hack-a-Splitter" strategy.

At least now, the Thunder get to return home, where they went 26-7 in the regular season. But only 14 teams in NBA playoff history have overcome 2-0 deficits to win series, and the Spurs show no signs of letting the Thunder back in it.

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NBA

Bobcats hope to beat odds and land No. 1 pick

The odds are stacked against Michael Jordan's Bobcats winning the NBA lottery Wednesday night and landing the No. 1 pick in the draft.

It's a tough situation for Jordan because his struggling franchise can't afford yet another loss.

The Bobcats finished with the worst winning percentage in league history (.106) after going 7-59 in the labour-shortened regular season. Nonetheless, they have a 25 per cent chance of getting this year's top prospect — who appears to be six-foot-10 Anthony Davis from Kentucky.

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MLB

Brett Lawrie winds up for a throw on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

Lawrie swings hot bat for Jays

Canadian Brett Lawrie scored three runs and Ricky Romero pitched six effective innings as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Baltimore Orioles 8-6 on Tuesday night.

Lawrie also drove in three runs and had three of Toronto's 10 hits as the Blue Jays (26-24) moved three games behind the Orioles (29-21) in the American League East standings. Baltimore started the night tied with Tampa for first place in the division.

Romero (6-1), who has struggled with his control of late, allowed four earned runs and six hits. He had just one walk and recorded seven strikeouts.

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Baseball. Trial judge dismisses 2 acts in Clemens' perjury case

The judge in the Roger Clemens perjury trial has dismissed two of the obstructive acts in the charges against the former pitcher.

Clemens remains charged with two counts of perjury and three counts of making false statements before Congress, along with 13 other obstructive acts.

All relate to Clemens' testimony before Congress at a 2008 hearing and his deposition that preceded it.

One of the statements dismissed was Clemens' contention that he had "no idea" that former Sen. George Mitchell wanted to talk with him in preparation for the 2007 Mitchell Report on drugs in baseball.

Prosecutors rested their case Monday. The judge ruled against Clemens' request for a dismissal of all charges.

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Roger Clemens, centre, arrives at federal court Tuesday in Washington. EVAN VUCCI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Used Viper gets you pure performance

Second Gear.
1992 to 2002
Dodge Viper

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Original Dodge Viper models were often bought as a novel weekend car, a racing machine, or to own a bit of history and nostalgia. All models possess a monstrous 10-cylinder engine, two seats and rear-wheel drive.

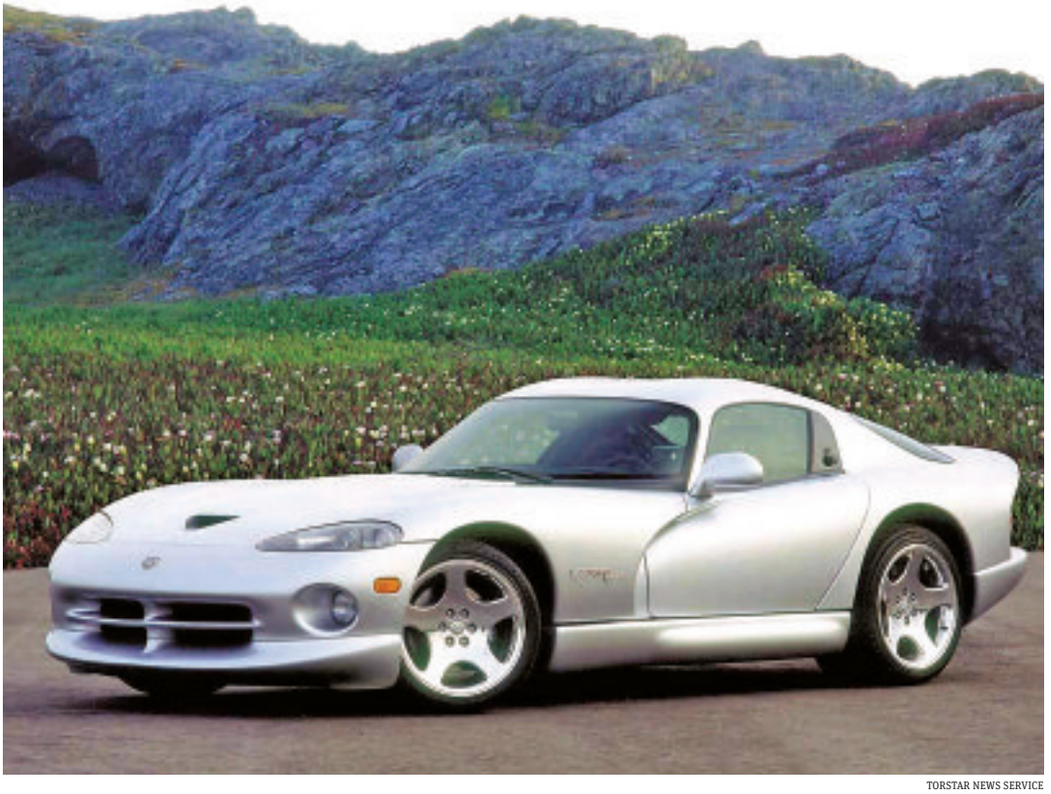
Feature content was modest, though performance was the unquestioned focus of this machine. Coupe and convertible variants were available in GTS and RT/10 designations, respectively.

Common Issues

Have your potential used Viper checked for oil leaks from the valve covers and oil pan gasket. A compression test is also advisable, as is a check of the oil and coolant condition, which could reveal an issue with the head-gasket. This issue seemed to affect mainly earlier models.

On a test-drive, "feel" the transmission for signs of clutch slippage, grinding or hard shifting. Though the gearbox is said to be reliable, abusive driving can shorten its life.

Note that some models suffered from a rear differential which could become separated from its bracket, and/or a power steering rack that could pull away from the front frame.



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Engine

All models in this generation have an 8-litre V10 with 400 horsepower on early models, and 450 horsepower after 1996. A six-speed manual was the only transmission offered.

Verdict

The Viper was loved mainly for its purely insane performance and the instant recognition of passers-by. It's not a car for the faint of heart — though it will appeal to those after all-out firepower ahead of creature-comforts.

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What Owners Like

Performance, style, excess and exclusivity were the big draws to the Viper. As a new model, it offered the performance to crush cars costing several times more. Extreme performance driving pleasure is enjoyed by Viper owners.

What Owners Dislike

Limited storage, limited shoulder and legroom and gas mileage are the most common complaints. Heat from the engine can also "cook" the driver's feet on long trips.

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Compact pickups at a crossroads

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The next wave of compact pickups will probably include some Chinese models. Consider Great Wall Motor's Steed model, introduced just this month to the U.K. market. CONTRIBUTED

An interesting period is developing for fans of compact pickup trucks. The old guard is going or gone, and the new guard is nowhere in sight.

We'll soon lose the GM twins (Chevrolet Colorado/GMC Canyon). Last year we lost Ford Ranger and Dodge Dakota. The year prior we lost Mazda B-Series.

Replacements?

Ford developed a new Ranger for other markets but we're not getting it.

There is a new Chevrolet Colorado coming, but no time frame and not before it lands in priority compact truck markets like Thailand, Australia and Brazil.

A new Dodge Dakota is coming too, but it will have to be invented first, and who knows when and how that will happen within the Chrysler/Fiat framework.

Is it just me, or does it seem like the automakers don't quite have their heart into giving North Americans an up-to-date, "compact" pickup, which is not too pricey, and a legitimate alternative to the full-size pickup?

"The compact truck market is not dead, just ignored by the American marketplace," says Victor Tsai, a devoted and long-time compact truck buyer. For his landscaping business in Toronto, he has employed a long succession of compact rides, such as Jeep Comanche, Dodge Dakota, and Toyota Tacoma.

He feels compact trucks suffer in this market because North America is the home and sole marketplace of the full-size pickup. As such, the automakers are obsessed with selling and developing these trucks on this continent. Nowhere else does the compact truck face such a formidable competitor.

At the same time, automakers have been obsessed with making their North American compacts in the mould of their full-size trucks, loading them up with lots of power, features, macho styling, etc. Net result: they're not much different or cheaper than their full-size brethren.

Howard Elmer is a colleague of mine who specializes in all things truck. He notes that inexpensive trucks were a big part of how the Japanese automakers got a foothold in North America in the 1970s.

"Their product back then was small, but also fuel efficient, rugged, and very, very cheap in comparison (to full-size trucks). People bought them not necessarily because they were small, but because the price made sense."

Today, the vast majority of buyers for import compact trucks are younger people who use them for specific sports or leisure activities, and want them outfitted accordingly, and with lots of comfort features.

Elmer adds that in the era when compacts were cheaper, they were often employed for all sorts of uses and by all sorts of demographics — entry-level vehicle, second family vehicle, commuter, retirement ride for full-size pickup types who still wanted to stay in the truck lifestyle, work truck, sport truck, etc.

Could the next wave of compact trucks coming to North America be more like the earlier, "cheap and cheerful" wave, through lighter and more car-like unibody designs based on global platforms? And could we see diesel powertrains in these compact trucks? Chrysler has hinted as much, and GM's new truck in Thailand is sporting a brand-new diesel engine that looks like it could be easily certified for this continent.

But don't get your hopes up. Elmer notes that just because automakers have appealing products and/or powertrains in some markets, doesn't mean that they can be automatically "plopped" into ours.

However, if GM, Ford, Chrysler, Toyota, etc., aren't prepared to give us cheap, little compacts, it might not matter.

"I think the Chinese are coming," says Elmer. "It's just a matter of time."

High-tech barriers improve highway safety

Driving Force. There are plenty of blockades on the road, each of which is designed for a specific purpose

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Talking barriers

- Most roadside barriers in North America have been crash-tested to national standards, some with tractor-trailers.
- The concrete walls known as "Jersey Barriers" got their name because they were first installed in New Jersey in the 1960s.

A guard rail is pictured near a slope that goes down to a creek. JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

As cars become safer, so do the roads. You may think a guardrail is just a piece of steel on the side of the highway, but it's actually part of a comprehensive safety system.

"By definition, a barrier system is a device which provides a physical obstacle through which an errant vehicle would not normally penetrate or vault over," says Bob Nichols, spokesperson for Ontario's Ministry of Transportation. "It is intended to contain or redirect an errant vehicle of a particular size range, at a given speed and angle of impact."

Guardrails and barriers aren't placed randomly. Instead, they're generally installed where it would do more damage for a vehicle to run off the road than to hit the guardrail. It's most desirable to keep the roadside clear, so that most drivers who lose control can either bring the vehicle back or come to a safe stop. But if the side of the road contains unyielding obstacles, such as bridge piers or overhead sign posts, or has a steep slope, a barrier is considered.

Up until the late 1980s, most guardrail ends sloped down into the ground — known as "buried end treatment" in the trade. Today, they mostly have impact-absorbing ends, properly known as steel beam energy attenuating terminals. These have a rectangular steel impact head and either breakaway steel or wooden support posts. When a vehicle runs into it, the impact head is forced back onto the steel rails, which bend and flatten to absorb the impact of the crash and reduce its severity.

Concrete barriers on the highway are often called "Jersey Barriers" by drivers, but they're more likely to be a newer design called the "F-Shape." Depending on how hard a vehicle hits, either the tires or the bumper will slide along the barrier's slope and then be redirected back into the lane. The barrier doesn't have to be tall, because the shape does the trick.

And those barrels that you often see at off-ramps? That's a Connecticut Impact Attenuation System, consisting of thin-walled steel cylinders bolted together.

They crush when a vehicle crashes into them to absorb the impact, and some of the barrels contain steel straps and a compression pipe that redirect the vehicle away from greater danger.

Crossword

Across

1 Distortion in wood
5 $ dispenser
8 Omit
12 Exchange premium
13 Skater Babilonia
14 Domini preceder
15 Critical
17 Defeat
18 Pump up the volume
19 Carelessness?
21 Necklace fastener
24 In-box filler
25 Impetuous
26 Whims
30 Eggs
31 "Be-Bop- —"
32 Actor Holbrook
33 Maximum contents
35 Golf warning
36 Sea eagle
37 Healthy
38 Malay Archipelago sultanate
41 Tackle moguls
42 Theater box
43 South American rodent
48 — podrida
49 Get — for effort
50 Told tales
51 Ottoman governors
52 Torched
53 Therefore

Down

1 Servicewoman
2 Khan title
3 Wardrobe malfunction
4 Fertilizer ingredient
5 On
6 Greek cross
7 Use wrongly
8 Deli meat
9 Make a cardigan
10 Part of the foot
11 Slow
16 Little devil
20 Brazilian river
21 Gator's kin
22 Volcanic outflow
23 Promptly, on a memo
24 Fry lightly
26 Cold and impersonal
27 — En-lai
28 Make
29 Coaster
31 Farm fraction
34 Virgilian hero
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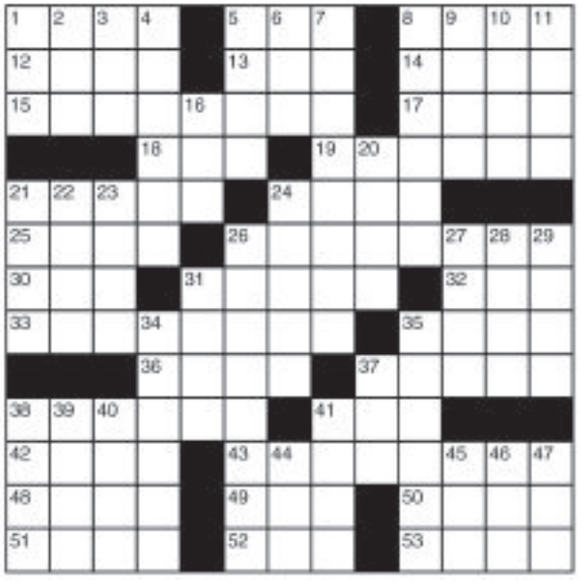
44 Blackbird
45 Melody
46 Rule, for short
47 Commotion



Sudoku

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	1			7		6		
	5		2	8				3
		7				8		
8				4	6		2	
		6		1			8	
3	4						7	9
			7		5			4

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	9	7	2	6	5	1	4	3
2	4	6	3	1	7	5	9	8
5	1	3	8	9	4	7	2	6
7	2	8	9	5	1	6	3	4
6	5	9	4	3	8	2	1	7
1	3	4	6	7	2	9	8	5
9	7	1	5	8	3	4	6	2
4	8	5	1	2	6	3	7	9
3	6	2	7	4	9	8	5	1

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

Q N A F X N O R Q J X T R J J I

V Z G X Z X G P V D X X E G Z I, N R S

P R D N A T E R Z P N A R O X P A X Q Q

E Z V P X F P N V A E Z V T Z R S .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A LANDSCAPE GARDENER IS COMPLETELY TIRED AND READY FOR BED, YOU MIGHT SAY HE'S BUSHED.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals N

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Aries | March 21 - April 20. There may be a lot to do but you will achieve more if you slow down and do one vital thing really well.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Your financial position may not be as good as it could be, but neither is it giving serious cause for concern. If you worry, you'll make things worse.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You know what you want and you know where and how to get it, so seize the moment.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Cosmic activity in the most sensitive area of your chart makes it easy to reach down into your subconscious and find out what makes you tick.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Reaching out to those who share your beliefs could put you in touch with some interesting people.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Today you can and you should make a good impression on those who can influence the course of your career.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. With the Sun, Mercury and Venus all moving through one of the most dynamic areas of your chart, much can be achieved. Aim high.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You may feel somewhat vulnerable right now but it's nothing to worry about. If you do, you could end up worrying yourself into a corner.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. It may seem as if you are doing all the giving while others are doing all the taking, but it's for a reason.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. You may find it hard to slow down today but you must. Cosmic activity in the wellbeing area of your chart urges you to be kind to yourself.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Your confidence will surge over the next 24 hours and soon you will be doing what others say is impossible.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Use emotions over logic today. If you appeal to someone's sense of sympathy or passion, you will win them over with ease. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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